

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

April 24, 2003
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mrs. Sharon L. Gire, Vice President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer, Treasurer
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate
Mr. John C. Austin
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer (via telephone)
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser (via telephone)
Mr. Chuck Wilbur, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, ex officio

Also Present: Mrs. Sue Gutierrez, Michigan Teacher of the Year

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m..

II. AGENDA MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Meeting of April 17, 2003
- B. Report on Consent Agenda

III. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

- A. Information on Lead Poisoning Activities
- B. Information on Activities Related to the Application for Federal Funds Under The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mrs. Straus asked that the following item be added to the agenda as the last discussion item: Alternative Option for Education YES! Report Card.

Mrs. Gire moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

Ayes: Austin, Curtin, Gire, Moyer, Straus

Absent: Bauer, McGuire, Weiser

The motion carried.

V. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced the members of the State Board of Education and guests attending the meeting.

VI. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MRS. KATHLEEN STRAUS

Mrs. Straus welcomed Mr. Chuck Wilbur, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Planning, Executive Office, who addressed the members of the Board.

Mr. Wilbur said Governor Granholm is appreciative of the adequate yearly progress comments made by State Board of Education members at the press conferences held in Detroit and Lansing on April 14, 2003.

Mr. Wilbur said Governor Granholm believes accountability is not labeling, but rather joining together resources to help schools and students achieve. He said the Governor also believes in accountability for all schools including public school academies. Mr. Wilbur said accountability for public school academies is a bipartisan issue in Michigan.

Mr. Wilbur said Governor Granholm believes the State Board of Education is on the right track with *Education YES!*, and that it is a good plan that will overlay adequate yearly progress data and help target resources toward schools that need the most help in terms of state and community intervention. Mr. Wilbur said the Governor maintains that *Education YES!* provides clarity where there would otherwise be a distorted view of adequate yearly progress data.

Mrs. Weiser joined the meeting via telephone at 9:15 a.m..

Mrs. McGuire joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m..

Dr. Moyer thanked Mr. Wilbur for his comments, and said the Board is proud of *Education YES!* and how it complements adequate yearly progress as stated in the No Child Left Behind legislation.

Mr. Austin thanked the Governor for her leadership in coordinating public and private resources for the betterment of those who need it most. He also thanked the Governor for her support of *Education YES!*.

Mrs. Straus said the Board is very supportive of having accountability for all public schools, including charter schools.

Mrs. Gire said she appreciates the bipartisan effort in developing policy.

Mrs. Bauer joined the meeting via telephone at 9:25 a.m..

VII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Meeting of March 27, 2003

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Meeting of March 27, 2003.

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Meeting of April 17, 2003

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Meeting of April 17, 2003.

The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Presentation of Stella Gikas Professional Support Staff Excellence Award

Mrs. Straus gave background of the Stella Gikas Professional Support Staff Excellence Award. In 1991, the State Board of Education approved the establishment of the Stella Gikas Secretarial Award, later renamed the “Stella Gikas Professional Support Staff Excellence Award,” to be given annually to an outstanding support person in the Michigan Department of Education. The award is given for providing leadership to others,

outstanding service to education, dedication to excellence, and maintaining the highest professional standards.

A subcommittee comprised of Mrs. Gire; Mrs. Curtin; Dr. Moyer; Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive; Ms. Terry Wardell, Director, Office of Human Resources; Ms. Jean Shane, Special Assistant for Awards and Recognition Programs; and Ms. Deborah Barlow, Secretary in the Office of Professional Preparation and Certification Services and the 2002 Stella Gikas Professional Support Staff Excellence Award recipient; met to review the nominations received for the 2003 award.

Mrs. Straus presented the 2003 Stella Gikas Professional Support Staff Excellence Award to Mr. Terry Booth, Procurement Technician in the Office of the Superintendent. Several individuals nominated Mr. Booth citing the following attributes: Terry cheerfully and committedly discharges his duties often going beyond what is asked of him to add value to the task at hand. He has impeccable work standards. Terry takes pride in his work, and is a model of efficiency and effectiveness. He is a “can-do” individual not motivated by recognition or accolades. Terry is thoughtful, trustworthy, hard-working, results-oriented, and dependable.

This was a presentation only and no action was required.

IX. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award

Mrs. Straus said she, Mrs. Gire, Eileen Hamilton, Bob Harris, and Michael Warren, Jr., visited Dorothy Beardmore on April 19 to present her with the first Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award. Mrs. Straus said they enjoyed their visit with Mrs. Beardmore, and her husband William who were extremely honored for her to receive the award in.

B. Blue Ribbon School Visits

Mrs. Straus said she and several Board members have presented at various Blue Ribbon school events across the state. She said it is very exciting and satisfying to visit Michigan’s exemplary schools that serve as models for other schools.

C. No School Left Behind: Transforming External Pressures into Student Achievement

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Gire attended The Sixth Annual Education Conference titled No School Left Behind: Transforming External

Pressures into Student Achievement on April 1 at Michigan State University. Mrs. Straus said there were many school personnel in attendance, and it was a very helpful conference with regard to implementing No Child Left Behind.

D. Relationship Between K-12 Education and Colleges and Universities

Mrs. Straus said she and Dr. Moyer attended a meeting at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Dr. Mary Sue Coleman, President of the University of Michigan, and the Association of Colleges and Universities cosponsored the meeting to discuss the liberal education relationship between K-12 education and colleges and universities. She said several Michigan college and university presidents were in attendance. Mrs. Straus said it was a very good start to a dialogue on what we want education to be in this nation, and she would like the State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education to cosponsor the follow-up meeting.

E. National Overture to Education and the Arts

Mrs. Straus said she and Ms. Ana Cardona, Arts Consultant, Michigan Department of Education, attended the National Overture to Education and the Arts Conference presented by the Institute for Education and the Arts, and hosted by the Traverse Area Arts Council, Traverse City Public Schools and the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District on April 7 and 8. The conference highlighted community organizations partnering with public schools that use the arts to enhance the general curriculum, special education, and ensure that children remain in school until graduation. This is the first such conference in the nation, and it is meant to be a national model.

F. Adequate Yearly Progress Press Conference

Mrs. Straus said she attended the Governor's press conference on adequate yearly progress in Detroit, and Mr. Austin and Mrs. Curtin participated in the Lansing press conference. Mrs. Straus said she is optimistic about working together with the Governor.

G. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr.'s Two-Year Anniversary as State Superintendent

Mrs. Straus thanked Mr. Watkins for leading the Board and Department through the past two years as State Superintendent of Public Instruction with commitment, grace, charm, and humor. Mrs. Straus complimented Mr. Watkins on his leadership skills and hard work during the past two eventful years. Mrs. Straus said the Board is proud to have Mr. Watkins as their leader.

X. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MRS. SHARON GIRE

Mrs. Gire said she and Mrs. Bauer visited two elementary and one middle school in the Warren Consolidated School District. Mrs. Gire said they had the opportunity to meet with staff and students, and see programs for limited English proficient students. Mrs. Gire circulated booklets written by the students along with other curriculum materials for Board members to review.

Dr. Moyer said that over 120 languages are spoken in Michigan school districts. Dr. Moyer said students represent a very diverse population that thrives in a democratic society.

XI. UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION

Ms. Elaine Madigan, Acting Assistant Superintendent, Government Services and Customer Satisfaction, presented the Update on Educational Legislation.

Ms. Madigan said the Substitute for Senate Bill 364 eliminates the minimum 180-day requirement for pupil instruction. She said the financial penalty for providing fewer than 180 instructional days would be removed although the requirement to provide a minimum of 1,098 hours would be retained. Ms. Madigan said the requirement that 75% of a district's membership need to be in attendance on each day in order for the district to receive full funding for that day would be eliminated. Ms. Madigan said currently a district can request a waiver, and very few districts take advantage of that option.

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education take a position of nonsupport of the Substitute for Senate Bill 364, and encourage school districts to use the existing waiver process, if necessary, to modify their school schedule.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus
Nays: Weiser

The motion carried.

Ms. Madigan said the Substitute for Senate Bill 365 requires the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) to collect all school data.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education support the concept of the Substitute for Senate Bill 365, pending implementation details.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Madigan said the Substitute for Senate Bill 366 eliminates professional development requirements for all teachers.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education take a position of nonsupport the Substitute for Senate Bill 366, and encourage state funding of professional development, as the economy rebounds.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Madigan said the Substitute for Senate Bill 367 would amend sections of the State School Aid Act that allocate funding for at-risk programs, the Michigan School Readiness Program (MSRP), and the All Students Achieve Program (ASAP) to allow districts to determine use of funds locally.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education support the Substitute for Senate Bill 367, pending removal of the early childhood portion of the language, thus allowing for flexibility which is targeted at risk children, and requires reporting and adequate yearly progress.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Madigan said Senate Bill 368 would amend the Revised School Code to eliminate the mandated state school accreditation program *Education YES!* Senate Bill 369 would amend the State School Aid Act to eliminate the funding penalties for schools that have not earned state accreditation.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education take a position on nonsupport of Senate Bills 368 and 369.

The motion carried unanimously.

XII. RECESS

The Board recessed from 11:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m..

XIII. APPROVAL OF DEFINITIONS OF FULL ACADEMIC YEAR, GRADUATION RATE, AND ATTENDANCE RATE

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent, presented approval of Definitions of Full Academic Year, Graduation Rate, and Attendance Rate.

Dr. Hughes said at the request of the United States Department of Education, a draft proposal of the No Child Left Behind plan was provided to the federal

government for their reaction after the April 17 State Board of Education meeting. Dr. Hughes said that upon receipt of the draft proposal, staff of the United States Department of Education participated in a conference call with Dr. Hughes on April 22, 2003.

Full Academic Year

There was discussion regarding the implications of changing the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) administration dates.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education: (1) approve the definition of full academic year as stated in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 24, 2003, and (2) provide an explanation to the United States Department of Education highlighting the difficulties involved in changing the current two-year MEAP testing schedule.

Mrs. Weiser said that if it is anticipated that the United States Department of Education will not approve portions of Michigan's final NCLB proposal, then those sections should be rewritten before the proposal is submitted.

Mrs. Bauer suggested that the Department of Education offer to work collaboratively with the Department of Treasury to address the MEAP scheduling issue for future scheduling periods. Mr. Watkins offered this suggestion as a friendly amendment to the motion, and it was not accepted.

Mrs. McGuire said schools could experience great difficulty in implementing MEAP scheduling changes during the implementation of No Child Left Behind.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus
Nays: Weiser

The motion carried.

Graduation Rate

Dr. Hughes explained that the United States Department of Education is requiring that the graduation rate include 9-12 grades as the normal period of time for a high school student to earn a regular diploma. He also explained the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) graduation exit codes.

Mrs. Gire said that many students enrolled in special education programs receive a certificate of completion, rather than a diploma. She said these students and schools have been successful in achieving maximum potential, and schools will

not be able to make adequate yearly progress because students do not receive a diploma. Dr. Hughes said he and Ms. Peggy Dutcher, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services, Michigan Department of Education; spoke to United States Department of Education staff regarding this issue. Dr. Hughes said that Ms. Dutcher reported there are approximately 151 schools in Michigan that would be affected by this, and Dr. Hughes is awaiting a response from the federal government.

Dr. Hughes verbally corrected a typographical error on Page 4, number 11, last sentence, to correctly read 80% for 2002-2003.

Mrs. Gire moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education: (1) approve the definition of graduation rate as stated in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 24, 2003, and (2) include a statement on Michigan's unique situation regarding its approximately 151 schools serving students with cognitive impairment who typically would not receive a diploma.

Mrs. Straus said that Michigan is exceeding No Child Left Behind requirements, by expecting more than the minimum from Michigan schools. Mr. Watkins said that sentiment will be conveyed to the United States Department of Education.

Mr. Austin said that Michigan is a leader and a state with high standards and great expectations for students and schools.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Attendance Rate

Dr. Hughes said he has received comments indicating concern about the 95% attendance rate, and he has spoken to staff from the United States Department of Education who have said the proposal can be amended, if necessary.

Dr. Hughes distributed a list of "Graduation Rate in States with Approved Accountability Plans" in response to a question from Mrs. Weiser.

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the definition of attendance rate as stated in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 24, 2003.

Mrs. Gire said she would like statistics on the average attendance rate in schools deemed not to have problem attendance. She said she doesn't want schools to demand that children come to school when they are sick. Dr. Hughes said

Mr. Roger Swaim, Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association, has conducted an informal survey. He said approximately 60 surveys were returned, and most indicated an attendance rate of 90%. Mr. Swaim said schools have influence of, but not control of, children attending school. He said parents also do not always have control such as in cases of illness. Mr. Swaim said he believes a 95% attendance rate is too high.

Mrs. Gire and Mrs. Curtin each said they agree with Mr. Swaim that 95% is too high.

Mrs. Weiser offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the definition of attendance rate as stated in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 24, 2003, substituting the following statement in the final sentence to read "2005-2006 – 90% This rate would remain in effect through 2013-2014."

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

**Straus - Nay
Gire - Nay
McGuire - Nay
Bauer - Aye
Weiser - Aye
Moyer - Aye
Austin - Aye
Curtin - Nay**

The motion failed.

Mrs. McGuire offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the definition of attendance rate as stated in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 24, 2003, substituting the following statement in the final sentence to read "2008-2009 – 90% This rate would remain in effect through 2013-2014."

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus
Nays: Weiser**

The motion carried.

The State Board of Education "Definitions of Full Academic Year, Graduation Rate, and Attendance Rate" is attached as Exhibit A.

XIV. APPROVAL OF DEFINITION OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Acting Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; and Dr. Frank Ciloski, Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation Services presented Approval of Definition of Highly Qualified Teachers.

Mr. Watkins said that at the request of the Board at the April 17 meeting, Mr. Austin and Mrs. Weiser worked with staff to modify the language of the Definition of Highly Qualified Teachers.

Dr. Jenkins reviewed the changes in the document.

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Definition of Highly Qualified Teachers, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 24, 2003, substituting "review team" for "assessment team."

Mr. Austin said the following goals were kept in mind during the revision of the document: (1) professional development linked to teaching in the classroom and achievement, (2) improvement of Michigan's effective state system for supporting teachers and helping them be high-quality teachers, and (3) use of tools such as team assessment and portfolios.

Mrs. Gutierrez suggested that stakeholders gather to discuss Michigan's definition of a highly qualified teacher and mechanisms to communicate that definition to all stakeholders.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gire suggested that the definition of highly qualified teachers as it relates to special education teachers who are teaching several core content areas be addressed. Dr. Hughes said the issue also relates to alternative education teachers, Department staff are in conversation with staff of the United States Department of Education about this issue. Mr. Watkins said staff will write language to be inserted that will address the issue.

Mr. Watkins thanked the task force members and staff for their efforts.

"The Michigan Definition for Identifying Highly Qualified Teachers" is attached as Exhibit B.

XV. RECESS

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m..

XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Dr. Constance Weaver, 4593 Chasemoor, Portage, Michigan 49024.
Dr. Weaver shared comments on Reading First.
- B. Ms. Mary Chesney, 21468 Hampton, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036.
Ms. Chesney offered comments and written materials on Reading First.
- C. Ms. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093.
Ms. Wood offered comments regarding lack of authorizer oversight of charter schools.
- D. Mrs. Janet Brooks, 245 East Fifth Street, Imlay City, Michigan 48444.
Mrs. Elizabeth Thode, 260 North Main Street, Imlay City, Michigan 48444.
Mrs. Jacquelyn Smith, 995 N. Summers Road, Imlay City, Michigan 48444.
Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Thode, and Mrs. Smith shared comments and written information on discipline at Imlay City Schools.

XVII. ALTERNATIVE OPTION FOR *EDUCATION YES!* REPORT CARD

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent, presented Alternative Option for *Education YES!* Report Card.

Dr. Hughes said that in light of the *Education YES!* legislation that has been introduced in the Legislature, staff have drafted an alternative option for the report card including the best of *Education YES!* and what is required by No Child Left Behind. He said this would be a phase in of *Education YES!* rather than the full implementation at this time.

Dr. Hughes said the proposed report card would maintain MEAP as the driving element but would be based on adequate yearly progress of NCLB rather than MEAP formulas for status and change. He said the report card would include the 11 school performance indicators.

Mrs. Gire moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that staff be directed to proceed with the development of the alternative option for *Education YES!* Report Card for discussion at the May 22 Board meeting, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 24, 2003.

In response to Mr. Watkins question, Dr. Hughes said the proposed report card encompasses 90% of *Education YES!*.

Mr. Austin said he prefers to implement *Education YES!* as previously agreed upon, rather than the alternative option. He said the Board reaffirmed their support of *Education YES!*, as did the Governor's Office at the beginning of today's Board meeting.

Mrs. McGuire said she does not want to use staff time to develop an alternative that may not be used, and she believes a new system would be confusing to schools.

Mrs. Straus said the motion is an attempt to address concerns but still maintaining the strong support of *Education YES!*. She said it is not an attempt to diminish *Education YES!* but to make it more effective, workable, and explainable.

In response to Mr. Watkins question, Dr. Hughes said currently all staff time is being directed toward the implementation of No Child Left Behind and preparing the Report Card. Dr. Hughes said staff would use time currently being spent on the implementation of the Report Card, if directed to work on the alternative option. Dr. Hughes said school districts have invested time and effort, and are anxious to receive a Report Card giving them feedback.

Mrs. Curtin said she has had discussions with educational colleagues about the two layers, and the alternative plan could offer a smooth transition.

Mrs. Weiser suggested delaying the implementation of the current *Education YES!* plan in order to maintain its integrity.

Mr. Watkins suggested that we stay the course rather than develop a parallel track.

Mrs. Curtin asked if *Education YES!* is abolished by the Legislature, if there is a way to maintain the elements of *Education YES!* Mr. Watkins said the Board and Department would look toward that.

Mrs. Gire withdrew her motion, Mrs. Curtin her support.

XVIII. APPROVAL OF NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND UNSAFE SCHOOL CHOICE POLICY

Dr. Donald Weatherspoon, Chief Deputy Director, Family Independence Agency; and Mr. Jim Ward, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Law; presented Approval of No Child Left Behind Unsafe School Choice Policy.

Mrs. Curtin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the title of the document be changed to Statewide Safe School Choice Policy.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Straus asked if Dr. Henry Hastings from Michigan State University was involved in rewriting the Policy. Dr. Weatherspoon said yes.

Mrs. Gire moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the Board approve the Michigan Statewide Safe School Choice Policy, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 22, 2003.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gire said the Board has adopted a bullying policy and a safe schools policy, but the Board should discuss at a future meeting how to help schools resolve bullying issues. Dr. Moyer said the Board should also discuss hazing at a future meeting.

Mr. Watkins said that a reminder will be sent to school districts about the Board's bullying policy.

The "Statewide Safe School Choice Policy" is attached as Exhibit C.

XIX. CONSENT AGENDA

- H. Approval of Criteria for Special Project Grants in FY 2003-2004 Under the Improving the Health, Education and Well-Being of Young People Through Coordinated School Health Programs Funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- I. Approval of a Recommendation to the State Legislature for Modification to the School Code at Section 380.1311
- J. Approval of Standards for the Preparation of Dance Teachers
- K. Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee
- L. Appointment of Member to State Board of Education Professional Standards Commission for Teachers Advisory Group

Mrs. Gire moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- H. approve the grant criteria for Improving the Health, Education and Well-Being of Young People through Coordinated School Health Programs grants as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 9, 2003;**

- I. approve a request for statutory change at Section 380.1311 as identified in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 9, 2003, to be forwarded to the Legislature as a condition of Michigan's receipt of approximately \$320,000,000 in federal funds under Part B of the IDEA for Federal Fiscal Year 2003;**
- J. approve the standards for the preparation of dance teachers, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 9, 2003;**
- K. approve the nominees listed in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 9, 2003, and appoint those individuals to serve as members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the respective terms specified; and**
- L. appoint to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers Russell Kirksey to fulfill the remainder of a four-year term ending June 30, 2004, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 9, 2003.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- M. Report on Human Resources
- N. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers
- O. Report on the Approval of Special Education Procedures
- P. Report on the Kent and Mason-Lake Intermediate School District Plans for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- Q. Report on Financial Status of Michigan Deficit School Districts
- R. Update on the No Child Left Behind Act Activities and Information on State Board of Education's Responsibilities and Time Line

Grants

- S. 2003 Title I, Part C Education of Migratory Children, Summer Program - Continuation

- T. 2002-2003 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidate Subsidy Grants – Amendment
- U. 2002-2003 Michigan Teacher of the Year – Initial
- V. 2002-2003 Michigan All-Terrain and Off-Road Vehicle Rider and Safety Education Program – Amendment

Mr. Watkins distributed copies of “Superintendent’s Report” dated April 24, 2003.

XXI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Bauer thanked Dr. Constance Weaver and Ms. Mary Chesney for coming to the Board meeting to present on Reading First. Mr. Watkins suggested that Ms. Sue Carnell and Ms. Faith Stevens, Office of School Excellence; Dr. Weaver; and Ms. Susan Neuman, University of Michigan; present at a future meeting.

Mrs. Curtin spoke of her participation at Blue Ribbon School events and the positive perspective school visits provide.

Mr. Austin suggested future Board meeting topics as discussed at the January 16-17, 2003 retreat: out-of-school youth, task force report implementation, and infrastructure.

Mrs. Straus said she is proud that the Board continues the Blue Ribbon Schools program to honor exemplary schools.

XXII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Elaine Madigan, Assistant Superintendent, Government Services and Customer Satisfaction, provided a Legislative Update from the afternoon session of the Senate on the day of the Board meeting.

XXIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Watkins directed staff to survey Board members on their availability for summer meeting dates.

XXIV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. June 26, 2003
- B. July 24, 2003
- C. August 28, 2003
- D. September 25, 2003

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary